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REMARKS

The nonstatutory Double Patenting rejection based on commonly-assigned U.S. Patent No. 5,801,857, and set forth on pages 3-4 of the Official Action, has been addressed by submitting the attached Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c).

Having thus overcome the sole rejection made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejection and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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